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In re application of : RUEGER et al.

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Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRIVING A
PIEZOELECTRIC FUEL INJECTOR ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follow:

3. (Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 2, characterized in that the triac is driven by two transistors.

9. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 7, characterized in that driving a triac drive circuit includes charging and discharging the circuit.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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